

Varied Fluency

Step 2: Clauses

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 3: (3G3.4) [Extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including: when, if, because, although](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support recognising, joining and extending main clauses using co-ordinating conjunctions.

Expected Questions to support recognising, joining and extending main clauses using subordinating conjunctions.

Greater Depth Questions to support recognising, joining and extending main clauses using a wider range of subordinating conjunctions and one or more subordinate clause.

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Clauses

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1a. Tick the main clauses below.

I like carrots.

☐

Apples are the best.

☐

lovely green

☐


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1b. Tick the main clauses below.

We ate pizza.

☐

were playing

☐

I played with Nyab.

☐


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2a. Underline two main clauses in each sentence below.

Dig a hole and put the seed in.

Water the seed so the flower will grow.



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2b. Underline two main clauses in each sentence below.

Cut it out but don't cut the tabs off.

Join it with tape or stick it with glue.



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3a. Use the co-ordinating conjunctions to complete the sentences below.

John ran down the road _____ the angry dog chased him.

He could climb over the wall _____ he could crawl under the bush.

or

and



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3b. Use the co-ordinating conjunctions to complete the sentences below.

The fireman climbed the ladder _____ he could save the cat in the tree.

He reached for the cat _____ it was still scared.

but

so



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4a. Match the clauses together.

I like dogs

or make sandcastles.

We could swim in the sea

but my brother likes cats.

Underline the co-ordinating conjunction in each.



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4b. Match the clauses together.

The fox waited by the pond

and Kai is on the sofa.

Pippa is on the carpet

so he could catch a frog.

Underline the co-ordinating conjunction in each.



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5a. Tick the main clauses below.

the dog ran

☐

will be running

☐

the bored cat watched

☐

carefully, the cat

☐


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5b. Tick the main clauses below.

beyond the wall

☐

the mouse ran quickly

☐

was waiting

☐

the cat chased the mouse

☐


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6a. Underline the main clause in each sentence below.

When it is baked, remove the cake from the oven. Put the cake back in the oven if it's not golden brown.



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6b. Underline the main clause in each sentence below.

Everyone stayed inside because aliens had landed. Although it looked strange, they all wanted to see the space ship.



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7a. Use the subordinating conjunctions to complete the sentences below.

Female lions are the main hunters _____ they are more agile. _____ you may think the males are stronger, they are needed to guard the pride. _____ an intruder appears, the male will charge.

although

if

because



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7b. Use the subordinating conjunctions to complete the sentences below.

Sea lions are carnivores _____ they eat meat. The Galapagos male sea lion weighs around one thousand pounds _____ it is fully grown. _____ human hunting, killer whales and sharks are the only predators of sea lions.

when

after

because



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8a. Match the clauses together.

Tom went back to the park

when he gets to the seaside.

Kai will play on the beach

if he passes his test.

Umar can drive the car

because he'd lost his phone.

Underline the subordinating conjunction in each.



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8b. Match the clauses together.

The giant cried

because the sun was shining.

Bob went to the shops

when he stubbed his toe.

Mum was happy

although he had no money.

Underline the subordinating conjunction in each.



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9a. Tick the main clauses below.

the big dog was playing outside

☐

was barking loudly

☐

he ate the ice cream quickly

☐

greedy dog!

☐


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9b. Tick the main clauses below.

the old man loved his sports car

☐

he drove proudly down the road

☐

very carefully!

☐

he enjoyed it

☐


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10a. Underline the main clause in each sentence below.

Katie went for help, while Sam sat down because he'd hurt his knee. Although it was dark, Katie found her way home, since she knew the area well.



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10b. Underline the main clause in each sentence below.

Although she was having fun, Cinderella left the ball before the clock chimed midnight. As she ran, her glass slipper fell off her foot.



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11a. Use the subordinating conjunctions to complete the sentences below.

Elephants are endangered _____ of their ivory tusks. _____ action has been taken against poachers, many elephants are killed each year. Elephants are a protected species _____ too much hunting has almost made them extinct. Hunting of elephants must stop _____ it is too late.

although

as

before

because



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11b. Use the subordinating conjunctions to complete the sentences below.

_____ all was silent, the sleek, black cat crept cautiously along the wall _____ he reached the point of no return! _____ he continued, he licked his enormous paws _____ preparing for the kill. Stretching out his claws, his eyes narrowed and flashed angrily. Then, he pounced.

whilst

when

until

before



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12a. Match the clauses and subordinating conjunctions together.

The roads were flooded

whilst

rolling down the hill.

Amy broke her arm

after

the sun comes out.

The pool will be too cold

unless

the storm hit.



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12b. Match the clauses and subordinating conjunctions together.

He won the race

because

he'd caught the thief.

He stopped suddenly

until

he didn't get a medal.

He kept running

although

the light was on red.



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He could climb over the wall or he could crawl under the bush.
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We could swim in the sea or make sandcastles.

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- 5a. the dog ran; The bored cat watched.
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Put the cake back in the oven if it's not golden brown.
7a. because, Although, If
8a. Tom went back to the park because he'd lost his phone.
Kai will play on the beach when he gets to the seaside.
Umar can drive the car if he passes his test.

Greater Depth

- 9a. the big dog was playing outside; he ate the ice-cream quickly
10a. Katie went for help, while Sam sat down because he'd hurt his knee.
Although it was dark, Katie found her way home, since she knew the area well.
11a. because, Although, as, before
12a. The roads were flooded after the storm hit.
Amy broke her arm whilst rolling down the hill.
The pool will be too cold unless the sun comes out.

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Developing

- 1b. We ate pizza; I played with Nyab.
2b. Cut it out but don't cut the tabs off.
Join it with tape or stick it with glue.
3b. The fireman climbed the ladder so he could save the cat in the tree.
He reached for the cat but it was still scared.
4b. The fox waited by the pond so he could catch a frog.
Pippa is on the carpet and Kai is on the sofa.

Expected

- 5b. the mouse ran quickly; The cat chased the mouse.
6b. Everyone stayed inside because aliens had landed.
Although it looked strange, they all wanted to see the space ship.
7b. because, when, After
8b. The giant cried when he stubbed his toe.
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Greater Depth

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10b. Although she was having fun, Cinderella left the ball before the clock chimed midnight. As she ran, her glass slipper fell off her foot.
11b. When, until, Before, whilst
12b. He won the race although he didn't get a medal.
He stopped suddenly because the light was on red.
He kept running until he'd caught the thief.